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### DUCK STAMP SALES BREAK PREVIOUS RECORDS

The sale of 2,016,819 Federal "duck stamps" to sportsmen, conservationists, and philatelists during the year ending June 30, 1947, broke all previous records, Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, said today.

The number sold in 1947 exceeded that of the previous year by 291,314, and is in sharp contrast to the 635,001 stamps sold in fiscal year 1935, the first year the stamp was issued.

The largest sale in any one state in 1947 was 175,151 in Minnesota. California was second with 154,652, and Texas and Michigan third and fourth, with 125,823 and 117,294.

Other states in the first ten were Wisconsin, 102,971; Illinois, 93,387; South Dakota, 82,367; Washington, 81,596; New York, 62,680; and Oregon, 56,411.

Sold for \$1 at post offices, the duck stamps provide funds that help finance the Federal Government's wildlife refuge program. Every sportsman over 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person one of the stamps with his signature in ink across its face. Many are purchased by collectors, the post office department's philatelic agency in Washington alone reporting a sale of 10,909 last year.

Sales at post offices in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico last year were as follows, the state's ranking in sales totals being shown in parenthesis:

Alabama (37), 10,319; Alaska (48), 3,758; Arizona (40), 7,525; Arkansas (16), 48,874; California (2), 154,652; Colorado (22), 37,249; Connecticut (35), 11,224.

Delaware (44), 5,130; District of Columbia (50), 1,499; Florida (28), 21,250; Georgia (47), 4,396; Hawaii (52), 64; Idaho (21), 39,098; Illinois (6), 93,387; Indiana (24), 34,409; Iowa (12), 54,925.

Kansas (11), 55,282; Kentucky (42), 6,178; Louisiana (13), 53,490; Maine (31), 15,016; Maryland (32), 14,182; Massachusetts (27), 28,142; Michigan (4), 117,294; Minnesota (1), 175,151; Mississippi (30), 16,861; Missouri (14), 52,563; Montana (25), 31,153.

Nebraska (15), 51,740; Nevada (38), 9,402; New Hampshire (43), 5,750; New Jersey (20), 39,434; New Mexico (39), 8,440; New York (9), 62,680; North Carolina (34), 13,002; North Dakota (19), 45,575.

Ohio (23), 37,105; Oklahoma (17), 48,823; Oregon (10), 56,411; Pennsylvania (18), 48,308; Puerto Rico (51), 342; Rhode Island (45), 4,864; South Carolina (41), 7,153; South Dakota (7), 82,367.

Tennessee (29), 20,224; Texas (3), 125,823; Utah (26), 29,537; Vermont (46), 4,593; Virginia (33), 13,179; Washington (8), 81,596; West Virginia (49), 2,092; Wisconsin (5), 102,971; and Wyoming (36), 10,428.

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